



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for January 29, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on January 29, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Clements, Azinger, Barnhart, Bartlett, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Oliverio, Roberts, Tarr, Taylor, Garcia

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

SB155 Relating to adjunct teaching permits was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SB196 Relating generally to liability insurance coverage for board of education was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and the purpose of the committee substitute.

The question on agreeing to the language of the committee substitute, the same was put and prevailed.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but under the original double committee reference that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB11 Allowing certain Teachers Retirement System members to exchange unused leave for monetary compensation was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

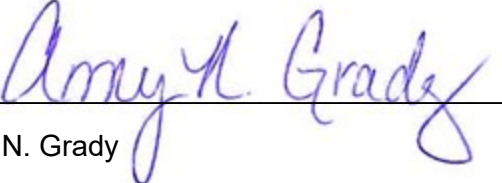
On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but under the original double committee reference that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB516 Increasing state minimum salary for teachers was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Kristie Skidmore, Co-President of Education West Virginia, addressed the committee and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady

Chair



Benjamin Mack

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Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 29th day of January, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on Education

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Kristie Skidmore
Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady
Print Member Name

[Signature]
Sign Member Name